

## **BOARD RELATIONS WITH THE MEDIA**

The Board believes that it has a responsibility to keep the public informed about the operations, programs, progress, and problems of the public schools. Consequently, Board meetings are open to the news media and public. In the event that representatives of the news media are unable to attend a meeting, upon request, the Superintendent shall provide a summary of important Board actions.

Public documents, as defined by state statute, will be made available as provided by statute and the school unit's procedures. Requests should be made to the Office of the Superintendent.

When individual Board members receive requests from news media representatives for information or comment, they may refer such inquiries to the Board Chair who shall be the public spokesperson for the Board. If a Board member responds to such inquiries, it is clear they are representing their own views and not necessarily the views of the Board.

Legal Reference: 1 MRSA § 402

Cross Reference: KI - Visitors to the Schools

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